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Dahmer's Widow Tells Of Attack

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)—Mrs. Vernon F. Dahmer Sr. told a federal court jury yesterday her husband urged her to move their children to safety while he shot at the firebomb attackers of their home and grocery.

Mrs. Dahmer, 43-year-old school teacher, opened the testimony in the conspiracy trial of 11 Jones County Ku Klux Klansmen charged with conspiring to "intimidate, threaten and coerce" the Hattiesburg Negro because of his voter registration activities.

The predawn attack took place on Jan. 10, 1966. Dahmer died several hours later.

Only five witnesses testified during nearly nine hours yesterday. The slow pace aroused speculation that the case would require at least two weeks.

"The first thing I heard was my car horn blowing," Mrs. Dahmer said. "It wasn't until we got out that I found out the car was on fire. I yelled at Vernon to get up and then the shots started coming in. Then I saw the eave of the house was burning."